

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend claims 18-22, 26-29, 31, 34, 40 and 41. The Claim Listing below will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1-17. (canceled)

18. (Currently amended) A ~~computer-implemented~~ server system for the automated trading of financial instruments, comprising:

an updatable database that receives real time price and quantity information pertaining to each of a plurality of financial instruments from a market data feed, the plurality of financial instruments constituting an offering inventory; and

a ~~computer-implemented system proprietor~~ server that automatically:
receives a first order to execute a first trade of a selected financial instrument at a first price determined from the real time price information of the market data feed;
forwards the first order to a trading system to execute the first trade at the first price;

receives a second order to execute a second trade of the selected financial instrument at a second price determined from the real time price information of the market data feed;

identifies the second trade as an offsetting trade of the first trade of the selected financial instrument, wherein the offsetting trade is a trade of the selected financial instrument that is received within a predefined period of time after forwarding the first order to the trading system for execution;

determines a price improvement value based on the first price for the first trade of the selected financial instrument and the second price for the offsetting trade of the selected financial instrument; and

applies the price improvement value to at least the first price for the first trade of

the selected financial instrument, resulting in an adjusted first price for the first trade, prior to execution of the first trade at the trading system.

19. (Currently amended) The system of claim 18, ~~said system proprietor being further for canceling or revising~~ wherein the server cancels or revises orders.

20. (Currently amended) The system of claim 18, ~~the system notifying~~ wherein the server notifies a user that an order has been executed.

21. (Currently amended) The system of claim 18, ~~further comprising~~ wherein the server presents an interface for providing a user with the capability to manually update the offering inventory.

22. (Currently amended) The system of claim 18, ~~said system proprietor~~ wherein the server automatically updating updates the offering inventory.

23. (Previously presented) The system of claim 18, the market data feed being provided by at least one Interdealer Broker.

24. (Previously presented) The system of claim 23, the market data feed being reformatted to record-based data prior to entry into the system.

25. (Previously presented) The system of claim 18, further comprising a filter for removing incorrect market data from the offering inventory.

26. (Currently amended) The system of claim 18, ~~the system proprietor being operative to determine~~ wherein the server calculates a derived price for the selected financial instrument, the derived price being calculated by:

(a) determining a spread between a last transaction price and a desired transaction benchmark for the selected financial instrument;

- (b) determining a current existing price of the desired transaction benchmark; and
- (c) adding the spread to the current existing price of the transaction benchmark.

27. (Currently amended) The system of claim 18, ~~the system proprietor generating~~
wherein the server generates a confirmation of the first trade after execution thereof.

28. (Currently amended) The system of claim 18, ~~the system providing~~ wherein the
server provides the user with the capability to manually enter interfirm or dealer to dealer trades
for execution.

29. (Currently amended) The system of claim 28, ~~the system automatically updating~~
wherein the server automatically updates the offering inventory in accordance with the manual
trade.

30. (Previously presented) The system of claim 34, the second price of the offsetting
trade prior to application of the price improvement value being a national best bid and offer
price.

31. (Currently amended) The system of claim 30, ~~said system proprietor being further~~
~~for converting~~ wherein the server converts the national best bid and offer price to a derived
price in the event the national best bid and offer price is not available.

32. (Previously presented) The system of claim 18, offsetting trades being executed at
an execution price and the price improvement value being determined from an average of the
execution prices of a plurality of offsetting trades and applying the price improvement value to
at least one of the offsetting trades.

33. (Previously presented) A computer-implemented data processing method for the
automated trading of financial instruments comprising;
receiving, in an updatable database, real time price and quantity information

pertaining to each of a plurality of financial instruments from a market data feed;

receiving a first order to execute a first trade of a selected financial instrument at a first price determined from the real time price information of the market data feed;

forwarding the first order to a trading system to execute the first trade at the first price;

receiving a second order to execute a second trade of the selected financial instrument at a second price determined from the real time price information of the market data feed;

identifying the second trade as an offsetting trade of the first trade of the selected financial instrument, wherein the offsetting trade is a trade of the selected financial instrument that is received within a predefined period of time after forwarding the first order to the trading system for execution;

determining a price improvement value based on the first price for the first trade of the selected financial instrument and the second price for the offsetting trade of the selected financial instrument; and

applying the price improvement value to at least the first price for the first trade of the selected financial instrument, resulting in an adjusted first price for the first trade, prior to execution of the first trade at the trading system.

34. (Currently amended) The system of claim 18, wherein the ~~system proprietor~~ server automatically applies the price improvement value to the second price for the offsetting trade of the selected financial instrument, resulting in an adjusted second price for the offsetting trade, and forwards the second order to the trading system to execute the offsetting trade at the adjusted second price.

35. (Previously presented) The method of claim 33, further comprising:
applying the price improvement value to the second price for the offsetting trade of the selected financial instrument, resulting in an adjusted second price for the second trade, and

forwarding the second order to the trading system to execute the offsetting trade

at the adjusted second price.

36. (Previously presented) The system of claim 18 wherein the price improvement value is determined based on an average of the first price for the first trade of the selected financial instrument and the second price for the offsetting trade of the selected financial instrument.

37. (Previously presented) The method of claim 33 further comprising:
determining price improvement value based on an average of the first price for the first trade of the selected financial instrument and the second price for the offsetting trade of the selected financial instrument.

38. (Previously presented) The system of claim 18 wherein the price improvement value is determined to make the adjusted first price for the first trade of the selected financial instrument equal to the second price for the offsetting trade of the selected financial instrument.

39. (Previously presented) The method of claim 33 further comprising:
determining the price improvement value to make the adjusted first price for the first trade of the selected financial instrument equal to the second price for the offsetting trade of the selected financial instrument.

40. (Currently amended) The system of claim 18, wherein the predefined period of time is within 30 seconds ~~between 15-30 seconds, inclusive~~.

41. (Currently amended) The method of claim 33, wherein the predefined period of time is within 30 seconds ~~between 15-30 seconds, inclusive~~.